Guidelines for Applying to Doctoral Scholarships

The Description of the Doctoral Project (exposé) should contain the following elements and should not exceed 12 pages, excluding the bibliography:

- Research topic, contents, and relevance
- Current state of the research
- Presentation of the problem and formulation of concrete research questions
- The scientific theories that will be referenced
- The scientific methods that will be used
- Any already completed groundwork (for example, literature review)
- Any previously published work on a related topic
- A detailed work schedule and timetable including the expected results. The timetable is to be designed so that it may be completed within the allotted period for doctoral work of three years

Additional Requested Documents (in PDF format)

- Curriculum Vitae (tabular)
- Degree certificate (must be authenticated if not from the IPU)
- Letter of recommendation from academic supervisor (official letter from the institution signed and dated, see details below)
- if applicable, employment contract(s)
- if applicable, applications or acceptances from other foundations

Guidelines for the letter of recommendation from the academic advisor

The following questions should be considered as a guideline for the recommendation to be completed by the candidate's advisor. We request that your assessment adhere as closely to these questions as possible in order to increase comparability between applicants.

- Have the topic or hypotheses been sufficiently elaborated?
- Does the project promise academically interesting results?
- Is the project related to social policy?
- In what way is it relevant for the construction or practice of psychoanalytic theory?
- Will the project be completed in a research context?
- Are you personally involved in it?
- Does the applicant have experience in relevant research practices?
- Has the applicant reviewed the relevant literature?
- Are the work schedule and timetable realistic?
- How methodologically qualified is the applicant?
- Evaluation of the applicant's thesis/examinations?